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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 1/13/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


**MICHAEL FRIEDHOFER
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The application has been amended as follows:

Page 4, delete lines 23 and 24.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Larry Huston on 1/12/06.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Lisa Nhung Klaus whose telephone number is (571)272-1993, and whose fax number is (571)273-8300. In the event that I am not reached, you can contact my supervisor, Mr. Elvin G. Enad at (571)272-1990 or the tech center receptionist at (703) 308-1782.

Lisa Nhung Klaus

Patent Examiner - Art Unit 2832

January 12, 2006



MICHAEL FRIEDHOFER
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Applicant's arguments to the drawings and specification are deemed to overcome the outstanding office action.

Claims 1-24 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Prior Art does not teach or suggest the longitudinal member having:

- **Claim 1**: a first and a second end wherein the first end is windably connected to the winding member and wherein the second end extends from the housing through the orifice and is attached to an actuable mechanism located remote from the housing.
- **Claim 13**: a conductive longitudinal member having a first and a second end, comprising a first and second longitudinal conductive portion, wherein the first and second conductive portions are electrically insulated from each other and wherein the first end of the conductive longitudinal member is windably connected to the winding member and wherein the second end is electrically connected to an electrically powered mechanism and the switch member is electrically connectable to the first and second conductive portions of the longitudinal member.
- **Claim 18**: a locking member comprising a body, a protrusion resiliently connected to the body, wherein the locking member is located within the male portion of the first pole member such that the protrusion extends through the opening of the male portion and such that the protrusion is at least partially extendable through the opening of said female portion and securing member comprising a first retaining member attached to the inner surface of the second pole segment, the first retaining member being connected to a second retaining member wherein the second retaining member is slideably movable within the first pole segment.

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